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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. MISOFF MET WITH RICHARD EDIS, U.K. DEL, AUGUST 21
TO DISCUSS HAPPENINGS AT WORLD CONFERENCE. EDIS PAINTED
A RATHER OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AT THE
END OF SESSION: DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WOULD
BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH NO REPEAT NO LINKING OF
ZIONISM TO RACISM ISSUE.

2. ACCORDING TO EDIS, AFRICANS WHO WANT TO FOCUS ATTEN-
TION ON APARTHEID WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE ARABS TO PRE-
VENT INCLUSION OF ZIONISM/RACISM IN ANY OFFICIAL CON-
FERENCE DOCUMENTS BECAUSE IT WILL DIVERT ATTENTION FROM
SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM. MODERATE ARABS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE OUTCOME OF CAMP DAVID WILL ALSO WORK TO PREVENT ANY
MENTION OF ZIONISM/RACISM. ACCORDING TO EDIS, SOVIET
DRAFT DECLARATION WILL NEVER COMMAND ANY ATTENTION AND
WILL DIE. THERE IS ALSO THE THREAT OF A WALK-OUT BY THE
WEST IF ZIONISM/RACISM IS RAISED.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DECLARATION COMMITTEE WHICH
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HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE THE AFRICAN AMENDMENTS HAVE NOT
BEEN DRAFTED, EDIS FEELS THAT THE CONFERENCE IS MOVING
RELATIVELY SMOOTHLY. WHILE WEO'S WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
WORKING FROM SECRETARIAT DRAFT DECLARATION THEY DEFERRED
TO AFRICAN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND POSTPONED ACTION
UNTIL AUGUST 22.

4. EDIS IS FLOATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN WHICH
CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE UNGA ESTABLISH A UNITED
NATIONS COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. HE IS NOT AT ALL
SANGUINE THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED AND
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. HE IS ALSO CIRCULATING A STATEMENT
FOR THE PROGRAMS OF ACTION WITH THE SAME PROPOSAL. BOTH
DRAFTS BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT IN SEPTTEL.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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